# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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DEPENDENCE OF LAND FOR FOOD SECURITY
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the food security situation of the country is deteriorating;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the current scenario of food security of the country;

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to improve the acreage under the agriculture; and

(d) the steps taken to reduce the total dependence of land for food security?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(d): No, Sir. The likely production of food grains during 2007-08 is estimated as 219.32 million tonnes (2nd advance estimate 2007-08) which is the highest ever production of the food grains in the country. In order to increase the acreage under various food crops and thereby to enhance the food grain production in the country, various programmes are already under implementation. Centrally Sponsored Scheme `National Food Security Mission (NFSM)` has also been launched with effect from Rabi, 2007-08 to increase production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tonnes, respectively by 2011-12. Under NFSM, it has been envisaged to bring 4.047 million ha additional area under pulses for increasing its production. Besides, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) is also in operation in the country to increase investment in agriculture for its holistic development.